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1. Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association aims to develop: (a) trade, industry, finance and tourism business relationships and social activities; (b) help the development of economic relations between Turkey and countries of Latin America and the Caribbean; (c) facilitate contact between business persons and decision makers from Turkey and Latin America and the Caribbean; (d) provide specific industry information by keeping up-to-date information on trends, laws and the dynamics of economics; and (e) develop direct cooperation between private and public institutions, chambers of commerce and industry, professional organizations, foundations, associations and unions in Turkey and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to organize conferences, send delegations from countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to relevant conferences and organize cultural programmes and events for charitable purposes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Representatives of the Association participated in several business councils to explain and promote business in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean
- In collaboration with the local chambers of commerce, representatives of the Association visited governors and mayors of several cities in Turkey, where they also organized business meetings
- Representatives of the Association gave speeches in Turkish universities, including Okan University and Bahcesehir University, to promote intercultural dialogue between Latin American countries and Turkey
- Representatives of the Association met several ambassadors and officials from Latin American countries and introduced representatives of local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Turkish businesses and the educational community to them
- The Association edited a book about the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Representatives of the Association attended the 64th annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011
- Representatives of the Association attended the Civil Society Forum at the United Nations, held in New York on 31 January 2012

- Representatives of the Association attended the side event entitled "How to make it happen: shaping international development cooperation for the effective implementation of the post-2015 development framework", held at United Nations Headquarters on 26 September 2014

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Representatives of the Association actively worked to strengthen relationships between Turkish universities and countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in promoting educational partnerships.

2. Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

General, 2002

Introduction

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations was founded in 1948 as an independent international coalition of NGOs with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, or a similar relationship with another agency of the United Nations system. The organization's more than 500 members worldwide relate to one or many items of the United Nations agenda, and interact at the policy and operational levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with most parts of the United Nations system to enhance opportunities for NGOs to collectively access United Nations processes, deliberations and debates, to bring the collective voice of citizens' associations to the United Nations table. The organization fosters cooperation and dialogue among NGOs on United Nations issues, and between NGOs collectively and the different entities of the United Nations system. The organization promotes and enhances the principles, purposes and effectiveness of relations between the United Nations and NGOs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the concerns of the organization cover the full gamut of the United Nations system, it has generated, facilitated or channelled collective NGO inputs on substantive issues throughout the agencies, commissions, departments and programmes of the entire system. In each year of the reporting period, the organization has organized and shared responsibility for civil society forums and seminars relating to the themes of the Economic and Social Council, or the several United Nations world conferences or summits.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Throughout the reporting period, the organization has been represented at the sessions of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions, the regional economic and social commissions, the World Summit on the Information Society forums, the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization, notably through its several substantive committees, each dealing with one or more issues on the United Nations agenda, has regularly submitted policy papers for the consideration of participating governmental delegates, and also submitted programmes of action, agreed conclusions and similar outcome documents for review and editing. Governmental delegations and the relevant United Nations Secretariat offices have regularly been invited to the organization's forums and seminars on United Nations issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Throughout the reporting period the organization has promoted the Millennium Development Goals wholeheartedly through information packages and by highlighting progress on achieving the Goals at its various forums and seminars. In 2012 and 2013, the organization underscored, in its activities and newsletters, the progression from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals, leading to the publication, starting in 2012, of a series of communications focusing on the progress towards the post-2015 development agenda, mobilizing awareness and support for this vital initiative.

3. Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

Special, 1998

Introduction

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh is an international organization for religious, social, educational, humanitarian and voluntary service in Bangladesh in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works for the rehabilitation and development of tribal areas and to improve the situation for unemployed young men and women, orphaned children and men, women and children who have suffered from disaster throughout Bangladesh.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization is working for the following income-generating projects in Bangladesh, which have:

- Rehabilitated 3,000 orphaned children in 15 orphanages in rural areas every three years through education and vocational training
- Rehabilitated 2,000 distressed women each year through vocational training
- Rehabilitated 50,000 men and women of Chittagong divisional tribal area through microcredit activities

4. Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International

Special, 2010

Introduction

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International is a partnership of humanitarian and development organizations dedicated to ensuring greater accountability to people affected by crises through the promotion of a standard on quality and accountability. Its mission is to make humanitarian and development action accountable to the people. The organization has developed a humanitarian standard in accountability and quality management and certifies organizations accordingly. In 2013, the organization, together with People in Aid and the Sphere Project, began to work on a core humanitarian standard on quality and accountability to ensure a common standard and more consistent use of standards in the humanitarian sector. The organization comprises a global membership of organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to develop and maintain the humanitarian standard in accountability and quality management; support members and potential members in applying the standard, including United Nations agencies; enable monitoring and reporting on implementation of the standard; and certify its members according to the standard. It has a global complaints mechanism and assists members in finding solutions when concerns or complaints are raised about them.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

All the organization's activities are aimed at improving the development assistance provided by the United Nations and at making humanitarian and development organizations accountable to the recipients of such assistance. In this way, the organization contributes to the achievement of the development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization:

- Attended non-governmental partner events organized by United Nations agencies such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNICEF and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat
- Attended a number of committee meetings, including on the World Humanitarian Summit, and collaborated with the Policy Development and Studies Branch of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on a global study on humanitarian effectiveness
- Was an active member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse since December 2010 and of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Accountability to Affected Populations
- Attended and contributed to a seminar on a community-based complaints mechanism, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 and 25 May 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010, the organization:

- Received funding from UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP) for deployments to Kenya and Kyrgyzstan
- Signed a hosting agreement with UNHCR in Kenya
- Facilitated contributions to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-led consultations on the future of joint humanitarian impact evaluations in Bangladesh and southern Sudan
- Provided input as part of an expert consultation committee assisting the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to develop the humanitarian dashboard. Made presentations on accountability to staff of UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kenya, Switzerland, the United States of America and Haiti

In 2011, the organization:

- Signed a memorandum of understanding with IOM to produce a joint publication on communication with affected communities during emergencies

- Made a presentation on accountability for staff of UNHCR and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kenya

In 2012 and 2013, the organization:

- Contributed to the development of the UNHCR advanced investigation workshop
- Seconded members of its staff to UNHCR headquarters (September-December 2012, October-December 2013) and to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Central African Republic, February-May 2014) to enhance accountability in their programmes
- United Nations representatives were invited to the organization's general assemblies

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Every activity of the organization has an impact on the Millennium Development Goals by ensuring that more accountable humanitarian and development assistance is provided to people in crisis or in poverty.

5. Native American Rights Fund

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Native American Rights Fund is a non-governmental organization founded in the United States in 1970 to represent indigenous peoples in the United States on issues that affect them domestically and internationally. The organization has litigated some of the landmark indigenous issues including in the Supreme Court of the United States and has lobbied extensively in Congress on a range of indigenous issues. The organization worked internationally, including on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and was involved in the climate change processes linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization represents indigenous peoples in their efforts to secure their rights domestically and internationally. It is guided by five priorities: the preservation of tribal existence; the protection of tribal natural resources; the promotion of human rights; accountability of Governments to tribes; and the development of Indian law and educating the public about Indian law, interests, rights and issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations through its work of protecting the human rights of indigenous peoples. This has included negotiating

and/or lobbying at the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the General Assembly for the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has lobbied on behalf of indigenous peoples and helped draft statements from the indigenous caucus. In addition, it has participated in the following meetings and negotiation sessions of the United Nations:

In 2013:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, from 29 April to 3 May 2013
- Twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 20 to 31 May 2013
- Meetings of the Third Committee of the General Assembly held in New York from 20 to 23 October 2013
- Nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013

In 2012:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, from 14 to 25 May 2012
- Eighteenth session of Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012

In 2011:

- Tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 16 to 27 May 2011
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, from 6 to 17 June and in Panama City from 1 to 7 October 2011
- Seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 11 December 2011
- Informal United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting with indigenous peoples and Mexico, South Africa and other States in preparation for the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

In 2010:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, in May, June and July and in Tianjin, China, from 4 to 9 October 2010

- Sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Cancun, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December 2010

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with United Nation bodies by participating in a wide range of activities, as already mentioned.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's work on the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is related to the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals, as the rights in the Declaration are crucial to the development of hundreds of millions of indigenous peoples worldwide.

6. Universitas 21

Special, 2010

Introduction

From its origins in Melbourne in 1997, Universitas 21 has grown into a vibrant community of research-intensive universities that collaborate in areas of common interest and application to students, faculty members, universities and higher education more widely. The organization is a network of 26 universities from around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is the leading global network of research-intensive universities that work together to foster global citizenship and institutional innovation through research-inspired teaching and learning, student mobility, connecting our students and staff, and wider advocacy for internationalization.

Significant changes in the organization

There has been a change in the membership status since the organization was granted consultative status in 2010. It now has 26 members in total, with the addition of new members from South Africa and Chile.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization continues to support the work of the United Nations, principally through student engagement in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It has also organized summer schools on human rights (2013), conflict resolution (2011), food security (2010) and climate change adaptation (2009), all informed by an awareness of the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 63rd annual Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, from 30 August to 1 September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a partner in the United Nations Academic Impact, which is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in furthering the realization of the purposes and mandate of the Organization through activities and research in a shared culture of intellectual and social responsibility.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization developed a model for health sciences students to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals; that model has now been employed eight times. The organization has also developed materials to raise awareness of the Goals and is currently building links with a partner in Nepal to give students practical experience of working on the Goals.

7. Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung

Special, 2010

Introduction

Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung is a partner organization of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights with access rights to the Austrian Parliament, the European Parliament and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The organization's activities are national and global. The organization includes high-level experts in the fields of economy, ecology, society/social issues and crime prevention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with Governments and civil society to build on the momentum generated by Millennium Development Goals 3, 7 and 8.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Since 2010, the organization has been a member of the following NGO committees that support the work of the United Nations Office at Vienna: the NGO Committee on Ageing; the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; the NGO Committee on Peace; the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs; and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

– It participated in the Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice that maintains relations with UNODC and in the Academic Council on the United Nations System. Since 2010, the organization has presented reports, statements, comments and expertise at seven United Nations committees on the subjects of ageing, peace, equality and empowerment for women, crime prevention and criminal justice, drugs and sustainable development

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period the organization participated in 112 various conferences, symposiums and meetings of the United Nations and presented statements, comments and expertise on several themes and fields, both alone and jointly with United Nations committees.

It also organized:

- A side event entitled "Migration-integration-security", held in Vienna on 15 April 2011
- A side event entitled "Criminal waste, the cost to women", held in Vienna on 25 April 2013, organized in collaboration with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization contributed written statements at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences on 29 November 2010 in Cancun, Mexico; on 26 November 2011 in Durban, South Africa; on 2 November 2012 in Doha; and during the conference in November 2013 in Warsaw. The written statements dealt with the global principle of mutual assistance in environmental emergencies, worldwide disaster plan, led by the United Nations; legal recognition of the term "environmental refugee" and expansion of the asylum law to environmental causes.

The organization also contributed a written statement on sustainable development at the high-level segment of the 2012 session of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York in July.

Furthermore, it submitted written comments on the theme "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all" at the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 6 to 15 February 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization promoted Millennium Development Goals 3, 7 and 8:

- Goal 3. The organization has been a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women since 2010
- Goals 7 and 8. Since 2010 the organization is the founding member of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

8. Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization conducts advocacy activities for making women more effective in social and economic life, and for achieving gender equality in all aspects of life. The organization supports the solidarity with NGOs that deal with women's rights. Regardless of nationality, religion or ethnic background, the organization believes in the need to think, grow and prosper together. The organization will pursue its quest of creating a peaceful and prosperous world while employing a unique women's language.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main mission is to develop entrepreneurship among women to strengthen their status economically and socially. Its vision is to create a world in which women are free and play an effective role in decision-making processes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of women's empowerment principles, the organization developed an equal opportunities model for Turkey, with technical assistance from the World Bank, that focuses on equal opportunities in the workplace. The project was launched in 2011 with the participation of the President of the World Bank and the chief executive officers of 11 private sector companies. The objective of the project is to help the private sector to focus on certain key elements that are integral for promoting gender equality in the workplace, the marketplace and the community, promoting gender equity in employment and earnings, enhancing the productivity of women in the Turkish labour force and promoting equal opportunity in the business world. The gender equity certification programme is voluntary and can be implemented by companies and organizations wishing to demonstrate their commitment to gender equity. A certificate is awarded to organizations whose policies and practices meet the criteria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in all the sessions of the Commission on the Status on Women with delegations of 15 to 20 people and organized a side event to present one of the organization's projects as a good practice from Turkey in line with the theme of the Commission's sessions. The organization was involved in the following meetings:

- In 2012, the organization hosted a side event for the international launch of the equal opportunities model
- At the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status on Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013, the organization and Vodafone Turkey Foundation organized a panel event on women's movement in technology and hosted a side event

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the International Trade Centre and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook a number of activities that directly and indirectly supported the Millennium Development Goals. These included: establishing the European Network of Mentors for Women Entrepreneurs, a project sponsored by the European Union; establishing the national Women Entrepreneurship Platform; training more than 6,000 women through various training programmes nationwide; launching a women entrepreneurship programme in South-East European countries; organizing innovation camps to promote social entrepreneurship on gender equality; organizing panels at the European Parliament and at the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on women's issues; and launching public campaigns and national and international lobbying efforts for the empowerment of women.

9. Women's Intercultural Network

Special, 1998

Introduction

The mission of Women's Intercultural Network is to make sure that all women and girls have a voice in their Government and economy. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, provided the vital framework for the organization's mission.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims for all women and girls to have a voice in public forums and links women and girls across cultures and communities both globally and in the United States to meet the need for greater connectivity and collaboration to address and shape public policy issues. This purpose has led the organization to work in California on building the first United States policy mechanism focused on implementing the Platform for Action, now known globally as the "California women's agenda". The organization is a network that organizes, not an organization that networks. It seeks to link organizations into networks that will make them stronger and increase cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

The economic downturn has had a significant impact on funding for NGOs in recent years, leading to, over 300 women's organizations closing in California alone. As a result of this pressure, the organization's international programme refocused and started to teleconferences with global partners instead of meeting in person.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization agreed to help the NGO Committee on the Status of Women to launch a national campaign in support of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women through a grass-roots effort in the United States called "Cities for CEDAW". Every five years the organization surveys the California women's agenda and United States networks for new issues, challenges, priorities and submits them for consideration in United Nations reviews of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization convened panels at events held in parallel to the sessions of the Commission on the Status on Women, for which it accredited 100 delegates. The panels convened during this period were held in New York and focused on:

- "Winning strategies for gender equality", 1 March 2010
- "Technology tools for women's organizations and networks", 25 February 2011
- "Economic participation of rural and indigenous women", 28 February 2012
- "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls", 4 March 2013

As a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the organization met with the Chair of the Committee in September 2013 and agreed to partner for a national "Cities for CEDAW" campaign.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with United Nations bodies by forwarding all United Nations documents to California and members worldwide for information and engagement. It briefs delegates and members of the organization before and after each session of the Commission on the Status on Women and reports on the outcomes to elected officials. Indigenous members serve on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The organization also submits written statements each year on themes under consideration by the Commission on the Status on Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supports the Millennium Development Goals by taking note of poverty and economic inequality for women and giving briefings throughout California.

10. World Federalist Movement

Special, 1970

Introduction

Founded in 1947, the World Federalist Movement is a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to the realization of global peace and justice through the development of democratic institutions and the application of international law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to advance the global promise of peace and is committed to building a safer and more just world. The organization includes a comprehensive set of programmes that work to protect civilians from the threat of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity; facilitate transparency in governance; increase access to justice; and promote the application of the rule of law.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Working in partnership with the United Nations, Governments and civil society, the organization's main programmes are:

- The Coalition for the International Criminal Court, a network of more than 2,500 civil society organizations from 150 countries that is leading the global fight to end genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity through a commitment to the core values of human rights and justice
- The international democratic governance programme works to improve the effectiveness of international institutions, promote transparency in the United Nations reform process and mobilize civil society to take concerted action where it can be most effective
- The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect is a global network of civil society organizations dedicated to promoting the responsibility to protect by increasing understanding of the norm, strengthening actors' capacity to prevent and respond to crimes committed as a result of non-compliance with the principle of the responsibility to protect and advancing the development of the norm to ensure that it is upheld consistently and effectively

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has closely followed the discussions on enhancing the role and responsibilities of NGOs in Economic and Social Council forums and the General Assembly.

Activities organized by the organization include:

- Joint information session with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on the rule of law, United Nations Headquarters, June 2012

- Press conference on the first-ever verdict by the International Criminal Court, the case of Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, United Nations Headquarters, New York, March 2012
- Various informal briefings with civil society and the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect at the organization's office. For example a briefing on the priorities of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide was given on 16 October 2012

– Joint consultations with civil society and Member States convened by the organization to contribute information to the 2013 report of the Secretary-General entitled "Responsibility to protect: State responsibility and prevention"

The organization monitored:

- The Peacebuilding Commission, and regularly posted updates on the Commission's work on its website
- The high-level political forum on sustainable development and subsequent sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, while participating in discussions on the role of civil society in this process
- Developments on reform issues including Economic and Social Council reform, revitalization of General Assembly, management and Secretariat reform, system-wide coherence and Security Council reform

The organization also hosts the secretariat of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Through its various programmes, the organization worked closely with a number of United Nations bodies, such as:

- The General Assembly, including by maintaining regular contact with delegates. Ahead of the 2013 General Assembly dialogue entitled "The responsibility to protect: State responsibility and prevention", the organization encouraged all Member States to participate in the discussion
- The Security Council by engaging bilaterally with its members to advocate for the inclusion of strong responsibility to protect and International Criminal Court language in relevant resolutions and statements
- The Human Rights Council by encouraging more robust use of the universal periodic review mechanism and regularly requesting that States make recommendations about the International Criminal Court to States coming under review
- As a member of the Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign, the organization played a critical role in the campaign leading to the creation of UN-Women

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization closely monitors and reports on the advancement of the Millennium Development Goals. In regard to the Open Working Group on Sustainable

Development Goals, the organization prepared and distributed a memorandum on the links between the post-2015 development framework, the rule of law and international justice. The organization also engages in the work of UN-Women and works to emphasize gender mainstreaming in the post-2015 process.

11. World for World Organization

Special, 2006

Introduction

World for World Organization is a non-profit organization that operates in Italy and internationally. Its mandate is to increase public awareness about global development issues, focusing on development cooperation and resource mobilization, to adequately and decisively respond to global concerns, to strengthen capacity to enhance contributions to human security and local sustainable development programmes in developing countries, and to contribute to the Millennium Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to secure the empowerment of local communities and by empowering women and children's groups in developing countries so that they can improve the quality of life of their beneficiaries through greater food security and better access to drinking water, health-care services, education and capacity-building opportunities. The organization also aims to raise the public's awareness, mobilize resources and support development humanitarian projects on relief and rehabilitations programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the United Nations through advocacy, commemorating United Nations days, attending meetings, submitting written statements to the Economic and Social Council at its high-level segment's annual ministerial review. The organization organized briefing sessions on United Nations days (including World AIDS Day, World Food Day and World Water Day) to raise awareness about Council activities, the Millennium Development Goals and initiatives on education, among other topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following major United Nations conferences between 2010 and 2013:

- Economic and Social Council, high-level segment, annual ministerial review, New York, 2010-2013
- Commission on the Status of Women, fifty-fourth session, New York, 1-12 March 2010; fifty-fifth session, 22 February-4 March 2011; and fifth-sixth session, 27 February-9 March 2012

The organization also attended:

- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 2-13 May 2011
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization organized briefing sessions to support Millennium Development Goals campaigns and provided advocacy and communications support to the work of the United Nations. Among other things, the organization:

- Submitted a paper to the World Summit on the Information Society Forum, held in Geneva from 16 to 20 May 2011
- Supported the preparation of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012, as part of the communication expert team
- Developed an advocacy and communication programme on the theme "Water for life", 2012
- Contributed to a paper on forests for food security and nutrition for consideration by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations 2013

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to poverty alleviation efforts by initiating programmes and relief operations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. The activities included:

- Nutritional care for women and children, maternal care, rehabilitation programmes, programmes for internally displaced people in Afghanistan by distributing food and other basic needs, and a programme of rehabilitation for returnees (Millennium Development Goal 1)
- Nutritious school meals for primary school children which helped to increase school attendance (Goal 2)
- Programme on health practices, personal hygiene and malaria vaccines in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean (Goals 1, 2 and 3)
- Training course and capacity-building programmes for women and girls in Africa and Asia (Goal 3)
- Programme on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy by providing kits to rural communities in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ghana, Benin, Niger and Nigeria (Goal 6)
- Tree-planting programmes to fight desertification and provide support to communities in sub–Saharan Africa (Goal 7)

12. World Information Transfer

General, 2002

Introduction

World Information Transfer promotes environmental health and literacy. In 1987, inspired by the Chernobyl nuclear tragedy, the organization was formed in recognition of the pressing need to provide accurate and actionable information about our deteriorating global environment and its effect on human health to opinion leaders, concerned citizens and youth around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since 1989, the organization has published the *World Ecology Report*, a quarterly digest of critical issues in health and environment, produced in four languages and distributed to thousands of citizens throughout the developing and developed world. The organization works in the following fields: health, environment, development and humanitarian aid. Furthermore, it convenes a global forum on growing clinical evidence supporting the link between degrading environments and diminished human health.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization organized annual conferences on International Conference on Health and Environment: Global Partners for Global Solutions at United Nations Headquarters in New York, co-sponsored by the Government of Ukraine and other Member States, with the cooperation of the World Health Organization, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- The organization produced a CD-ROM library project in conjunction with UNDP that contains development and health information for distribution to schools and centres in Ukraine
- The organization contributed various statements to the annual ministerial review during the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals" held in Geneva from 1 to 4 July 2013

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization's representatives participated as observers in the following meetings:

- Nineteenth and twentieth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 2-13 May 2011 and 20 September 2013

- Forty-eighth to fifty-first sessions of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 3-12 February 2010, 9-18 February 2011, 1-10 February 2012 and 6-15 February 2013
- Fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 1-12 March 2010, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012 and 4-15 March 2013
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012
- High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, Geneva, 1-4 July 2013
- Ninth to twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

– Conferences on financing for development, 2010-2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked with UNDP on the organization's CD-ROM development library project described above. The CD-ROM was distributed by UNDP in Ukraine. See above for meetings co-sponsored with United Nations' bodies, programmes and departments.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Implemented poverty eradication initiatives in countries in transition through the dissemination of science-based knowledge and the provision of humanitarian aid Goal 7. Integrated the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes to reverse the loss of environmental resources by convening annual conferences that brought together experts, policy makers, students and the public. The conferences addressed the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986 by examining the interrelationship between environmental deterioration, human health and the role of education, particularly within the context of progress towards Millennium Development Goals that relate to children's health, environmental sustainability and universal education.

13. World Leisure Organization

Special, 1990

Introduction

The World Leisure Organization is a worldwide, non-governmental voluntary organization that operates on the premise that leisure is vital in enhancing the human condition. The organization is dedicated to discovering and fostering those conditions that permit leisure to serve as a force to optimize collective and individual well-being in the context of play, recreation, the arts, culture, sport, festivals and celebrations, health and fitness, travel and tourism.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization, through its programmes, research and education: (a) promotes leisure as integral to social, cultural and economic development for the benefit of individuals, communities, and nations; (b) promotes the rights of all people to experience high-quality leisure; and (c) recognizes the special requirements related to disability, age, gender, social status, poverty, domicile and education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations in the following ways: (a) created sessions at all the organization's congresses to discuss the Millennium Development Goals and the relationships between them and leisure; (b) submitted a document entitled "Leisure as a site of inequality and a means of addressing inequality" to UNICEF and UN-Women's call for papers addressing inequalities in the post-2015 development agenda in October 2012; (c) observed World Humanitarian Day on 19 August 2012, and launched a social media campaign through the organization's social networking sites and website.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

In 2013:

- Representatives participated in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Congress entitled "Culture: key to sustainable development", held in Hangzhou, China, from 15 to 17 May 2013. It succeeded in having the term "leisure" included in the final proclamation that will be part of the post-2015 development agenda.

In 2012:

- Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, 1-10 February
- Civil Society Forum, convened by the NGO Committee for Social Development

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization collaborated with the International Play Association on a project that led to the Committee on the Rights of the Child issuing a general comment related to article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2013
- A representative of UNESCO presented a statement at the organization's second World Leisure EXPO, held in Hangzhou, China, from 17 September to 18 November 2011, that focused on the theme of "Leisure: enhancing quality of life". The UNESCO representative also published an article entitled "Leisure and culture: the (in)visible link in modern societies" in the organization's *World Leisure Journal*
- The organization is a designated affiliate member of the World Tourism Organization

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization addressed several elements of the Millennium Development Goals:

- The themes of the biannual World Leisure Congress have been developed to align with the work of the United Nations, specifically the Millennium Development Goals
- Goal 3. Promoted gender equality and the empowerment of women by ensuring their participation at all events of the organization and diversifying the Board of Directors by electing women to serve on the board
- Goal 8. Co-sponsored the Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy, held in Velen, Germany, from 9 to 11 May 2012, that focused on building a worldwide network among professional, government officials, educators and researchers to address issues related to obesity and overweight among children and youth worldwide.

14. World Organization against Torture

Special consultative status: 1998

Introduction

Established in 1986, the World Organization against Torture is today the main international coalition of non-governmental organizations fighting against torture, summary executions, forced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. From its headquarters in Geneva, the organization coordinates the 297-member SOS-Torture network of non-governmental organizations and strives to strengthen and complement the activities of organizations working on the ground. The organization provides its member organizations with the tools and services they need to carry out their work, in order to help them enhance their effectiveness in preventing and condemning torture, prosecuting the perpetrators of serious violations and providing victims with assistance, including rehabilitation.

Aims

The organization seeks to help eradicate torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances, arrests and arbitrary detentions and any other punishment or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and to protect victims and potential victims, including human-rights defenders and specific groups (women, children and people living in extreme poverty), through a global network of civil society organizations working in partnership and solidarity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In accordance with its mandate, the organization maintains very close working relations with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council. From 2010

to 2013, it made no fewer than 1,814 requests for urgent interventions on behalf of several thousand victims, including human-rights defenders, who have contributed to the special procedures system. This collaboration is not limited to condemning cases of grave violations, inasmuch as a dialogue is being established with those mechanisms on how best to act effectively on the basis of specific cases.

- Supporting United Nations treaty bodies is also important to the organization. From 2010 to 2013, in close partnership with members and partners of its SOS-Torture network, the organization submitted 23 alternative reports and information/follow-up notes to the Human Rights Committee, the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Committee, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- From 2010 to 2013, the organization actively participated in Human Rights Council sessions, at which it spoke on various agenda items related to its mandate. It was also involved in the interactive dialogues with mandate holders, the annual meetings on the rights of the child and the universal periodic review.
- It also spoke at the Forum on Business and Human Rights, at which it sought to draw attention to the issue of human-rights defenders.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2010 to 2013, the organization worked actively with United Nations treaty bodies, including the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by submitting alternative reports and follow-up notes on the following countries: Benin, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Greece, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Switzerland, Togo, Uruguay. Those submissions were prepared in close partnership with the member non-governmental organizations and partners of the SOS-Torture network.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The strategy to combat torture and ill-treatment developed by the organization includes the fight against extreme poverty (Goal 1). Torture and ill-treatment mostly affect people from less privileged social classes. In addition, a socioeconomic situation characterized by poverty, social exclusion and unequal distribution of productive resources undoubtedly plays a role in the occurrence of torture. With regard to the rehabilitation of victims, or compensation and reparation, the entire socioeconomic context, together with the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, become all the more relevant when considering such issues as access to justice and reintegration into mainstream society.

Since its inception, the organization has sought to integrate the analysis of the socioeconomic causes of torture into all its activities.

15. Youth Empowerment Alliance

Special, 2006

Introduction

Youth Empowerment Alliance is an international NGO focused on the creation, implementation and advertisement of global projects that enhance the lives of children. The organization has been in operation since 1999 and has affiliations with all major child-serving organizations globally. With youth and/or consultant representation in every country in the world, the organization offers a broad expertise on global issues such as media, migration, adoption, juvenile justice, child labour (including trafficking and exploitation), children's rights, education, social development, academic research and legal theory.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to giving children a voice in the world in which they live, by providing storytelling tools and distribution mechanisms. The organization works with the mainstream and social media to share these stories when they are in the best interest of children as a whole. It provides free tools for children and schools to create and have stories published on demand, so that they can savour them for many more years to come.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Given the advent of on-demand printing, the organization has broadened its capacity to serve all children who seek the tools to tell their own story. Through its "rescue writing" programme, children are provided online teaching tools that can be used in a classroom, in a group setting or at home to write and illustrate stories. For the organization's global programme, this is especially useful in capturing local and community stories and folklore to be retained for years to come in places like Haiti, where the family stories and cultural traditions were buried in the earthquake and hurricanes, this is especially powerful and meaningful.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively served in a leadership capacity of the working group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child to assure passage of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure which allows for the enforcement of the complaints mechanism for the Convention. The founder of the organization worked directly with the Committee on the Rights of the Child to coordinate the writing and passage of the complaints mechanism. It was then passed by the Human Rights Council and then by the Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure and ultimately by the General Assembly. The organization had an active role in this process and continues to advocate for the Convention on the Rights of the Child in its daily work.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization published the book *A Commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 17 — Access to a Diversity of Mass Media Resources*, which serves as the legal interpretation of article 17 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This book serves as a legal reference and authority as part of a series and is utilized by all NGOs, lawyers and United Nations agencies when seeking guidance about the Convention.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization directly supports the United Nations treaty bodies in their support of children. As a specialist in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the organization often consults with businesses, United Nations agencies and NGOs on how to effectively serve children within their organization.